

and to distribute them in sets. The first installment, containing complete and handsome specimens of 78 species, is just received in excellent condition. The price is \$7.50 per set. Application may be made to the Curator of Harvard University Herbarium, Cambridge, Mass. The species will speedily be named by Professor Eaton, of Yale College, and a printed list furnished.—A. G.

Mr. Fendler's Trinidad Ferns are very fine specimens, carefully collected, and preserved with uncommon success. They are, perhaps without exception, in fruit; and illustrate admirably the general character of the Ferns of Tropical America. The only criticism that can be offered is that many of them are so large and fine that they cannot be brought within the dimensions of ordinary herbarium paper without some clipping, a thing which a lover of Ferns does not like to do. The sets contain several species of Tree-ferns, examples of *Polybotrya*, *Aneimia*, *Oleandra*, *Danaea*, and other tropical genera, and a good series of West-Indian *Adianta*. I am preparing a list of their names, and it will be ready for publication pretty soon.—D. C. EATON.

NOTES FROM THE BLUE RIDGE, VA.—Just before reaching the summit of the Blue Ridge, "Fancy Gap Pass," the roadsides, for one or two miles, were lined with *Rhododendron* and *Kalmia*, the latter in full bloom, as magnificent a display as I have ever met. Near this point a small stream crosses the road and spreads itself over a marshy flat. In the marsh, we again found *Boykinia*, *Calopogon* and *Drosera*, also *Azalea viscosa* in full bloom. At the summit we found *Pyralaria* and *Clethra acuminata* in every direction. In the rivulets *Boykinia* and also *Troutvetteria palmata* and *Veratrum viride*, *Saxifraga crosa*, *Parnassia Caroliniana*?, *Magnolia acuminata*, *M. Fraseri* and *M. Umbrella*, *Viola rotundifolia*, *Listera concavarioides*, Hook., *Microstylis monophyllos*, Lindl., *Anacanthium muscetoxicum*, Gr., *Osmunda regalis*, *O. cinnamomea*, *Dicksonia punctilobula*. The above list may seem small, but our time was limited and our object to secure specimens of several plants. There are some others, not yet satisfactorily placed, of which you will be informed if they prove of interest.

On June 27th we left the confluence of Little and Big Reed Island. No change in the flora seemed striking, until we neared Jennings's Store, a few miles this side of Hillsville. Here, in a branch, we espied, for the first time, one of the plants we were in search of, *Boykinia aconitifolia*. Pursuing the search, we found *Calopogon pulchellus* and *Drosera rotundifolia* in the marshy grounds. Just beyond Jennings's Store a rivulet crosses the road. Here again we found *Boykinia* in abundance; also *Euonymus Americanus*, *Gillenia trifoliata* marked by more copious foliage and more distinctly colored stems than our Wythe Co., plant, *Helianthemum Canadense* and *Chrysogonum Virginicum* were found on the road sides.—HOWARD SHRIVER, Wytheville, Va.

FERNS OF KENTUCKY, BY JOHN WILLIAMSON.—This book is one of the most timely publications we have received, for it is both convenient and cheap. It contains sixty full-page etchings and six wood cuts, drawn by the author. When we state that in addition to these it contains full descriptions, blank pages for notes, and articles on the structure, cultivation, fertilization, collecting and drying, and classification of ferns, it will be acknowledged by all to be a marvel of cheapness. The etchings are very superior, the subjects being beautifully handled and true to nature. An advanced notice of this work appeared in the GAZETTE for June, p. 54, written by Mr. Davenport, and such hearty words of commendation from so high an authority should be sufficient to recommend it to every botanist. Although entitled the "Ferns of Kentucky," it is almost a complete hand-book for the neighboring States, and with but few additions would suffice for all the States west of the mountains and east of the Mississippi. We hope the book will meet with ready sale and we can cordially recommend it to the readers of the GAZETTE. For price and address see advertisement on the second page of the cover.

Owing to the fact that both the Editors are absent on a Botanical trip the next number of the GAZETTE will be delayed two weeks.